

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/061,577	GREEN ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	BJ Forman	1634	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to papers of 14 February 2008 & interview of 24 April 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,6 and 9-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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**NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

***Status of the Claims***

1. This action is in response to papers filed 14 February 2008 the previous rejections were traversed and new claims 10-13 were added. The new claims have been thoroughly reviewed and entered.

Applicant's arguments (pages 8-10 of the response) have been thoroughly reviewed and are found persuasive. The previous rejections in the Office Action dated 5 January 2008 are withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments.

This action is further in response to amendments discussed and agreed upon during an interview between the examiner and Mr. Berson on 24 April 2008.

The examiner's amendments detailed below, place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 6, 9-13 are in condition for allowance.

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bennett J. Berson on 24 April 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In Claim 1, line 11, before "adjusting the illumination", insert --- correcting illumination nonuniformity by ---- .

In Claim 9, line 11, before "adjusting the illumination", insert --- correcting illumination nonuniformity by ---- .

Cancel Claims 7 and 8.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are drawn to methods of correcting illumination nonuniformity during synthesis of oligomer arrays. The methods measure illumination intensity at synthesis positions, evaluate differences in illumination intensity and correct nonuniformity by adjusting illumination intensity during the deprotection period.

While illumination nonuniformity was known in the art (see Baker, Colum 2, lines 1-34) and while the prior art teaches that micromirrors are individually adjustable (see Sweat, Column 3, lines 10-28), the prior art does not teach or make obvious the instantly claimed method adjusting illumination intensity during the deprotection step..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. Claims 1, 6, 9-13 are allowed.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BJ Forman whose telephone number is (571) 272-0741. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00 TO 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla can be reached on (571) 272-0735. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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